IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A container holder for supporting a plurality of containers wherein each of the plurality of containers has an axis of symmetry wherein each of the plurality of containers is generally cylindrical about the axis wherein the container holder is positioned on a surface, the container holder comprising:

a first stopper defined by peripheral walls ~~wherein the peripheral walls extend~~ wherein the first stopper has a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the second in is located in a position opposite to the first end wherein the peripheral walls are generally symmetrical about an axis of symmetry of the first stopper wherein the axis of symmetry of the first stopper extends from the first end of the first stopper to the second end of the first stopper;

a base having a perimeter defining an exterior of the base wherein the perimeter is defined by a first end, a second end, a first edge and a second edge wherein the base has a ~~width~~ height and a length wherein the length is defined between the first end of the base and ~~a~~ the second end of the base and the ~~width~~ height is defined between the first edge and the second edge wherein the base has a thickness defined between a top ~~side~~ surface of the base and a bottom ~~side~~ surface of the base wherein the bottom ~~side~~ surface is opposite to the top ~~side~~ surface ~~of the base~~

wherein the ~~width~~ height of the base is generally continuous and uniform between the first ~~edge~~ end of the base and the second ~~edge~~ end of the base wherein the length of the base is generally continuous and uniform between the first edge of the base and the second edge of the base wherein the thickness of the base is generally continuous and uniform between the top surface and the bottom surface from the first end of the base to the second end of the base and from the first edge of the base to the second edge of the base ~~from the first end of the base to the second end of the base wherein the base is positioned adjacent to the surface and further~~ wherein the first stopper is secured to the first end of the base and further wherein the axis of symmetry of the first stopper is generally parallel to the axis of symmetry of each of the plurality of containers; and

a support element adjacent to the surface wherein the second end of the base is connected to the support element wherein the base is only connected to the first stopper at the first end of the base and the support element at the second end of the base ~~wherein the base has an interior surface which is defined between the first edge of the base, the second edge of the base, the first stopper and the support element wherein the interior surface has an axis at a point along the length of the base between the stopper and the support element wherein the axis extends from the first edge of the base to the second edge of the base wherein the axis is planar from the first edge to the second~~

~~edge and further wherein the axis has a thickness which is defined between the top side and the bottom side of the base wherein the thickness is uniform from the first edge of the base to the second edge of the base~~ wherein the top surface of the base is generally planar between the first stopper and the support element wherein the top surface of the base is substantially parallel to the surface between the first stopper and the support element.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the support element is a second stopper having peripheral walls between a first end and a second end.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

stitching connecting the first end of the base to the first stopper.

Claim 4 (Original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a hoop at the first end of the base wherein the first stopper is inserted into the hoop.

Claim 5 (Original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the support element is a nonparallel surface with respect to the surface.

Claim 6 (Original) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the base wraps around the support element.

Claim 7 (Original) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a loop at the second end of the base wherein the support element is inserted into the loop.

Claim 8 (Currently amended) The container holder of Claim 1 wherein the length of the base ~~has a length~~ is greater than ~~a~~ the length of the first stopper.

Claim 9 (Currently amended) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

a scale displayed on the top ~~side~~ surface of the base wherein the scale is related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 10 (Currently amended) The container holder of Claim 1 further comprising:

an auxiliary device connected to the first stopper wherein the auxiliary device ~~cooperates with one of the plurality of containers~~ is a cork screw to open one of the plurality of containers.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) A method for holding a plurality of containers on a surface, the method comprising the steps of:

placing a stopper on the surface;

positioning a base on the surface wherein the base has a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end is connected to the stopper; and

positioning a support element at a point near the second end wherein the support element is adjustable based on a number of

the plurality of containers and further wherein the stopper abuts against one of the plurality of containers and the support element abuts against another one of the plurality of containers.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

attaching the first end of the base to the stopper.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

overlapping the base around the support element.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

attaching the second end of the base to the support element.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 11 further comprising the step of:

dividing the length of the base into a scale related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn) A system for supporting a plurality of containers on a surface, the system comprising:

a stopper having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the stopper has peripheral walls defining an interior wherein the peripheral walls extend between the first end and the second end; and

an arm having a length defined between a first end of the arm and a second end of the arm wherein the arm has a width defined between a first exterior edge of the arm and a second

exterior edge of the arm wherein the arm has a thickness defined between a top side of the arm and a bottom side of the arm wherein the first end of the arm is attached to the stopper wherein the stopper is the only stopper connected to the arm wherein the arm has a cross-section taken along the width of the arm from the first exterior edge to the second exterior edge between the stopper and the second end of the arm wherein the cross-section has a thickness which is continuous and uniform across the width of the arm from the first exterior edge of the arm to the second exterior edge of the arm.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

a support element associated with the second end of the arm wherein one of the plurality of containers abut the stopper and another one of the plurality of containers abut the support element.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

a scale displayed along the length of the arm wherein the scale is related to the plurality of containers.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

indicia displayed on the arm.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 16 further comprising:

an auxiliary device connected to the stopper.